Syllabus of non-governmental schools

493. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have no control on various Non-Governmental Schools and madarsas on their school syllabus, which have contents against our Constitution and National Educational Policy; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the steps taken or proposed to be taken against the erring schools and madarsas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) India has a wide range of schools and school systems. Schools affiliated to the CBSE prescribe NCERT textbooks. The State schools which are affiliated to the State Education Boards use textbooks prescribed by their own State bodies. There are primary schools which are run by social and religious organizations and which are not affiliated to any Board.

A CABE Sub-Committee was set up on 'Regulatory Mechanism for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks taught in school outside the Government System. The Terms of Reference of the Committee were:-

(i) to study and report on textbooks in Government Schools not using the CBSE syllabus.

(ii) to study the textbooks and curriculum of schools outside the Government System including those run by religious and social organizations.

(iii) to suggest an appropriate regulatory mechanism for institutionalizing the issue of preparation of textbooks and curricular material.

The sub-committee examined a selected sample to textbooks in the Social Sciences, Hindi, regional languages and English of certain State including Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and West Bengal. The analysis of textbooks used in schools run by religious and social organizations was made within the parameters spelled out in the National Policy on Education, 1986 and the Constitution of India. The Committee had made several recommendations including setting up of National Textbooks Council to monitor textbooks.